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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND MAKING CHANGES TO VARIOUS PROGRAMS."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 14-21e of the general statutes, as
- 4 amended by section 392 of public act 09-3 of the June special session, is
- 5 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 6 passage):
- 7 (b) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall establish, by
- 8 regulations adopted in accordance with chapter 54, a fee to be charged
- 9 for Long Island Sound commemorative number plates in addition to
- 10 the regular fee or fees prescribed for the registration of a motor vehicle.
- 11 The fee shall be for such number plates with letters and numbers

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12 selected by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. The Commissioner of 13 Motor Vehicles may establish a higher fee for: (1) Such number plates 14 which contain letters in place of numbers as authorized by section 14-15 49, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed for plates issued under said 16 section; and (2) such number plates which are low number plates, in 17 accordance with section 14-160, in addition to the fee or fees prescribed 18 for plates issued under said section. The Commissioner of Motor 19 Vehicles shall establish, by regulations adopted in accordance with the 20 provisions of chapter 54, an additional voluntary lighthouse 21 preservation donation which shall be deposited in the Connecticut 22 Lighthouse Preservation account established under section 22a-27n. 23 All fees established and collected pursuant to this section shall be 24 deposited in the [General Fund] Long Island Sound account 25 established pursuant to section 502 of this act.

Sec. 502. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) There is established an account to be known as the "Long Island Sound account". The Long Island Sound account shall be a separate, nonlapsing account of the General Fund. Any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account shall be deposited in and credited to the Long Island Sound account. The account shall be available to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection for (1) (A) restoration and rehabilitation of tidal wetlands in proximity to Long Island Sound, (B) restoration and rehabilitation of estuarine embayments in proximity to Long Island Sound, (C) acquisition of public access to Long Island Sound, (D) propagation of and habitat protection for shellfish and finfish, including anadromous fish, and (E) education and public outreach programs to enhance the public's understanding of the need to protect and conserve the natural resources of Long Island Sound; (2) allocation of grants to agencies, institutions or persons, including, but not limited to, the Long Island Sound Foundation, to conduct research and to provide public education and public awareness to enhance understanding and management of the natural resources of Long Island Sound; (3) provision of funds for services which support the protection and conservation of the natural resources of Long Island

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46 Sound; or (4) reimbursement of the Department of Motor Vehicles for

- 47 the cost of producing, issuing, renewing and replacing Long Island
- 48 Sound commemorative number plates, including administrative
- 49 expenses, pursuant to section 14-21e of the general statutes, as
- amended by this act.
- 51 (b) The commissioner may receive private donations to the Long
- 52 Island Sound account and any such receipts shall be deposited in the
- 53 account.
- 54 (c) The commissioner may provide for the reproduction and
- 55 marketing of the Long Island Sound commemorative number plate
- 56 image for use on clothing, recreational equipment, posters
- 57 mementoes, or other products or programs deemed by the
- 58 commissioner to be suitable as a means of supporting the Long Island
- 59 Sound account. Any funds received by the commissioner from such
- 60 marketing shall be deposited in the Long Island Sound account.
- 61 Sec. 503. (*Effective from passage*) Any funds transferred from the Long
- 62 Island Sound account, established under section 22a-27k of the general
- 63 statutes, revision of January 1, 2009, to the General Fund prior to the
- 64 effective date of this section shall be transferred to the account
- established under section 502 of this act."